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said noble-metal containing catalyst layer is contained in at least one of said NOx absorbent catalyst layer and said noble-metal containing catalyst layer.

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2. (Amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 1, wherein:
said effect inhibiting material is contained in said NOx absorbent catalyst layer, and
inhibits movement of said absorbent agent to said noble-metal containing catalyst layer.

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3. (Amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 2, wherein:
said effect inhibiting material is comprised of one or more materials selected from a group formed by an acid oxide including at least one acid substance selected from a group consisting of Group-IV, Group-V, and Group-VI transition elements and Group-IV, Group-V, and Group-VI non-transitional elements; a complex oxide including said at least one acid substance; and such materials as not to disturb reaction of a nitrogen oxide and said absorbent agent.--

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--6. (Amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 1, wherein:
said effect inhibiting material is contained in said noble-metal containing catalyst layer
and transforms into a stable substance by reacting to said absorbent agent.--

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--9. (Amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 2, wherein:
said effect inhibiting material is contained in said noble-metal containing catalyst layer
and transforms into a stable substance by reacting to said absorbent agent.--

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--11. (Amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 1, further comprising:
a blocking layer for inhibiting movement of said absorbent agent to said noble-metal containing catalyst layer, said blocking layer being formed between said NOx absorbent catalyst layer and said noble-metal containing catalyst layer.

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12. (Amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 2, further comprising:

a blocking layer for inhibiting movement of said absorbent agent to said noble-metal containing catalyst layer, said blocking layer being formed between said NOx absorbent catalyst layer and said noble-metal containing catalyst layer.

13. (Amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 6, further comprising:

a blocking layer for inhibiting movement of said absorbent agent to said noble-metal containing catalyst layer, said blocking layer being formed between said NOx absorbent catalyst layer and said noble-metal containing catalyst layer.

14. (Amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 9, further comprising:

a blocking layer for inhibiting movement of said absorbent agent to said noble-metal containing catalyst layer, said blocking layer being formed between said NOx absorbent catalyst layer and said noble-metal containing catalyst layer.

15. (Amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst comprising;

a carrier;

an NOx absorbent catalyst layer; and

a noble-metal containing catalyst layer; and

an effect inhibiting layer containing an effect inhibiting material for inhibiting movement of said absorbent agent to said noble-metal containing catalyst layer, said effect inhibiting layer being formed between said NOx absorbent catalyst layer and said noble-metal containing catalyst layer;

wherein at least one absorbent agent selected from a group consisting of alkali metals and alkaline earth metals is contained in said NOx absorbent catalyst layer.

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16. (Amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 15, wherein:
said effect inhibiting layer is comprised of one or more materials selected from a group
formed by an acid oxide including at least one acid substance selected from a group consisting of
Group-IV, Group-V, and Group-VI transition elements and Group-IV, Group-V, and Group-VI
non-transitional elements; a complex oxide including said at least one acid substance; and such
materials as not to disturb reaction of a nitrogen oxide and said absorbent agent.--

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19. (Amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 15, wherein:
an effect inhibiting material for inhibiting movement of said absorbent agent to said
noble-metal containing catalyst layer is contained in said NO_x absorbent catalyst layer.

20. (Amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 19, wherein:
an effect inhibiting material that transforms into a stable substance by reacting to said
absorbent agent is contained in said noble-metal containing catalyst layer.

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21. (Amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 15, wherein:
an effect inhibiting material that transforms into a stable substance by reacting to said
absorbent agent is contained in said noble-metal containing catalyst layer.

22. (Amended) A method for manufacturing an exhaust gas purifying catalyst
comprising:
forming a first catalyst layer over a carrier; and
forming a second catalyst layer over the first layer;
wherein one of said first catalyst layer and said second catalyst layer comprises a NO_x
absorbent catalyst layer including at least one absorbent agent selected from a group consisting
of alkali metals and alkaline earth metals;
wherein another of said first catalyst layer and said second catalyst layer comprises a
noble-metal containing catalyst layer; and

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~~wherein an effect inhibiting material for inhibiting an effect of said absorbent agent on said noble-metal containing catalyst layer is added to at least one of said NOx absorbent catalyst layer and said noble-metal containing catalyst layer.~~

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23. (Amended) A method for manufacturing an exhaust gas purifying catalyst as claimed in claim 22, wherein the first catalyst layer is the NOx absorbent catalyst layer and said second catalyst layer is said noble-metal containing catalyst layer.

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24. (Amended) A method of manufacturing an exhaust gas purifying catalyst as claimed in claim 22, wherein the second catalyst layer is the NOx absorbent catalyst layer and said first catalyst layer is said noble-metal containing catalyst layer.

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25. (Amended) A method for manufacturing an exhaust gas purifying catalyst comprising:

forming a first catalyst layer over a carrier;

forming an inhibiting layer over said first catalyst layer; and

forming a second catalyst layer over the first catalyst layer;

wherein one of said first catalyst layer and said second catalyst layer comprises a NOx absorbent catalyst layer including at least one absorbent agent selected from a group consisting of alkali metals and alkaline earth metals;

wherein the other of said first catalyst layer and said second catalyst layer comprises a noble-metal containing catalyst layer; and

wherein said effect inhibiting layer includes an effect inhibiting material for inhibiting movement of said absorbent agent to said noble-metal containing catalyst layer.

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26. (Amended) A method for manufacturing an exhaust gas purifying catalyst as claimed in claim 25, wherein the first catalyst layer is the NOx absorbent catalyst layer and said second catalyst layer is said noble-metal containing catalyst layer.